

REMARKS

Claims 21-40 are pending in the present application.

Claims 21-25 and 31-35 have been rejected.

Claims 26-30 and 36-40 have been objected to.

Claims 21, 27, 31 and 37 are amended as shown above.

Claims 26 and 36 are hereby canceled without prejudice.

Claims 21-25, 27-35 and 37-40 remain pending in the present application.

Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the following arguments.

In Section 3 of the March 14, 2005, Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 21-23 and 31-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6, 006, 106 to Cook *et al.* (hereinafter "*Cook*"). In Sections 4 and 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 24, 25, 34 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Cook* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,504,803 to Yamada *et al.*

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 26-30 and 36-40 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Applicants have amended independent Claims 21 and 31 to recite the limitations of Claims 26 and 36, respectively. The Applicants respectfully submit that, as a result, independent Claims 21 and 31 (and their dependent claims) are now in condition for allowance and request the withdrawal of the rejections under §§ 102 and 103 of Claims 21-25 and 31-35.

SUMMARY

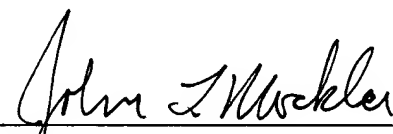
The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of pending claims and that this application be passed to issue. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *jmockler@davismunck.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

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